Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

- (Previously Amended) A method of treating osteoarthritis consisting of administering, to a subject suffering from osteoarthritis, a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-IL-6 antibody.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered interarticularly or intravenously.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein said agent is a monoclonal IL-6 receptor antibody.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein said IL-6 receptor antibody is an anti-human IL-6 receptor antibody.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein said IL-6 receptor antibody is tocilizumab.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said agent is a monoclonal IL-6 antibody.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said IL-6 antibody is an anti-human IL-6 antibody.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said IL-6 antibody is CNTO 328.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered interarticularly.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is administered intravenously.

- 11. (Previously Amended) A method of treating osteoarthritis consisting of administering, to a subject suffering from osteoarthritis, a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-IL-6 antibody, and one or more agents selected from the group consisting of: 6-(5-carboxy-5-methyl-hexyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-hexanoic acid calcium salt, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, piroxicam, diclofenac, naproxen, flurbiprofen, fenoprofen, ketoprofen, ibuprofen, mefenamic acid, indomethacin, sulindac, apazone, phenylbutazone, aspirin, hyalgan, and synvisc.
- 12. (Previously Amended) A method of treating osteoarthritis consisting of administering, to a subject suffering from osteoarthritis, a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-IL-6 antibody, and one or more agents selected from the group consisting of: parecoxib, celecoxib, valdecoxib, and etoricoxib.
- 13. (Cancelled) The method of use of one or more agents selected from the group consisting of: an anti-IL-6 antibody and an anti-IL-6 receptor antibody, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of osteoarthritis in mammals.